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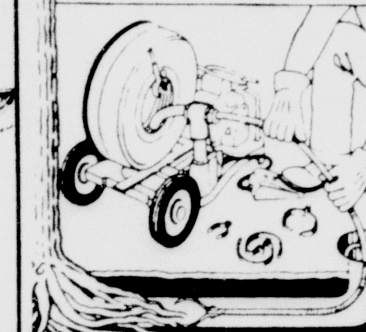
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## Sylvester

By MRS. R. M. BARR

We had .05 in. of rain and  
then a real old time sand  
storm for a few hours on  
Saturday night but today is  
clear but pretty cool.

Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Early  
are sporting another car, a  
Galaxie. They plan on supper  
in Snyder on Sunday night  
with the boys and their fami-  
lies.

The Max Deel family visit-

ed with the W. B. Browns  
over the weekend as they  
will not be able to be here on  
Christmas day.

Lea Dickerson is still in  
Hamlin Hospital at this writ-  
ing.

Mr. W. O. Roove is plan-  
ning a trip to Beaumont for  
a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond  
Perkins, Landy and Mitzi,  
were here over the weekend  
from Lubbock as they won't  
be able to be here later in the  
week. Grandmother Carra  
really enjoyed the little ones.

In the Guy Mauldin home  
on Friday night were: Mr.  
and Mrs. Kenneth Mauldin  
and family of Ft. Worth and  
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mauldin  
and family of Roby, Mr. and  
Mrs. Truman Mauldin and  
family of Sylvester.

Ordination Service for Rev.  
Don Forrester was held on  
Sunday afternoon Dec. 22 at  
2:45 at the Sylvester Baptist  
Church. Rev. Jack Terry of  
H-SU preached the ordination  
sermon.

Visitors included neighbor-  
ing pastors and deacons and  
his parents, brother, her  
parents, his grandparents and  
friends.

Members of the Baptist  
Church enjoyed fellowship  
and a Christmas tree last  
Wednesday night at the church  
after prayer service.

John Hardwick of Abilene  
spent a few hours with his  
family Friday night. He is  
the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chub  
Hardwick. His sister, Melissa,  
spent last weekend in Abilene  
with him.

Mr. George Hood is in West  
Texas Medical Center in Abi-  
lene at this writing. He has  
been living in the home of  
his daughter, Mrs. Odessa  
Carroll in Abilene.

Hope the Holidays will be  
real good to all of you and the  
best of New Year!

Six New Faces Will Be Seen Around County  
Court House After Officials Are Sworn In After First

Six new faces will be seen  
around the Jones County  
court house after the first of  
the year when new elected  
officials are sworn in for an-  
other term.

Easily the veteran among  
those who will be retiring  
is District Judge Owen Tho-  
mas of 104th District Court.  
He will be succeeded by J.  
Neil Daniel of Abilene.

Judge Thomas has been  
a familiar figure at Anson  
for a number of years. Not  
only has he served as judge  
for 28 years but he also was  
twice elected district clerk  
and three times Jones Coun-  
ty judge. What's more, his  
father before him was district  
judge.

Members of the court house  
staff this week presented to  
the veteran jurist a framed  
portrait to hang in the dis-  
trict court room.

Although Judge Thomas is  
stepping down as district  
judge he hopes to continue to  
serve as presiding judge of  
the 7th Administrative Ju-  
dicial District, a position he  
holds under appointment. This  
district includes some 40  
counties and 15 judicial dis-  
tricts.

Dave Reves, who has served  
the county as sheriff for 16  
years, also will be leaving  
office. He is being succeeded  
by Woodrow (Woody) Sim-  
mons of Anson.

Simmons says he will keep  
Arden Beasley as one of his  
deputies and Mr. and Mrs.  
Beasley will move back into  
the apartment at the jail and  
Beasley will take over po-  
sition as jailer, one he has  
held previously.

A deputy for Stamford and

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gar-  
rett visited in the home of  
their daughter and family,  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell and  
children, in Dallas. They at-  
tended a Christmas program  
Sunday evening in the First  
Baptist Church of Fort Worth  
where Mr. Bell is music di-  
rector.

Call your news to the Herald

the northern end of the  
county is being sought, Sim-  
mons said.

Another veteran who will  
be stepping down is Lem  
Ruark, commissioner of Pre-  
cinct 3, a post he has filled  
for 14 years. Ruark is being  
succeeded by V. A. McGee.

Louis Johnson, who served  
a number of years as Jones  
County Democratic chair-  
man, will take over duties of  
tax assessor-collector, a po-  
sition held by A. J. French Jr.  
for eight years.

Ed Paynter, who has been  
district attorney for the 42nd  
District Court at Abilene,  
will take over the combined  
job of serving both the 42nd  
and 104th district courts.  
Richard Price has held the  
district attorney position in  
the 104th court.

George O. Harrell of An-  
son will become justice of  
the peace in justice precinct  
1, filling out the unexpired  
term of the late Albert Storey.  
J. H. Martin has been serving  
as jaycee under temporary  
appointment by the com-  
missioners court.

Beginning new terms will  
be Johnnie Agnew, veteran  
county commissioner of Pre-  
cinct 1, and A. J. Smith,  
elected as county attorney,  
a post he had been filling by  
appointment, serving out the  
term of Ben Neidecken who

resigned.  
The commissioners court  
will meet briefly Jan. 1 to  
approve bonds of elected of-  
ficials and to swear in those  
who desire. After bond is  
approved, any magistrate  
can administer the oath of  
office.

Other county officials are:  
Leon Thurman, county judge;  
Roy Thorman, county clerk; W.  
L. (Poochey) McDonald, dis-  
trict clerk; Everett Beaver,  
county superintendent of  
schools; Tom Boyd of Stam-  
ford, commissioner of Pre-  
cinct 2; J. E. Touchstone,  
commissioner of Precinct 4;  
and L. R. (Shorty) Winkels,  
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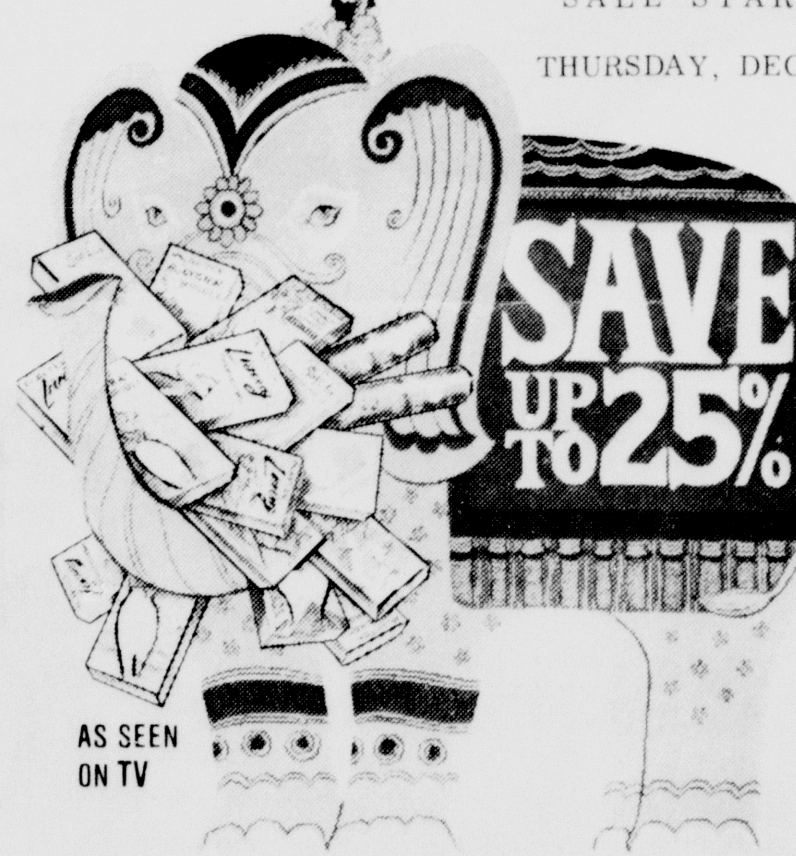
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VISITING HERE — Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carlton, Kelly, 1, and the family pet, Fluffy, are visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Carlton. The dog received a plane ticket for the trip as a gift.

### Sad Story Wins 'Fluffy' Holiday Trip to Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carlton and one-year-old daughter, Kelly, and female poodle, Fluffy, are visiting his family, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Carlton and Sally. The Carltons flew from Los Angeles to Lubbock where they were met by the Weldon Carltons Dec. 14.

Fluffy accompanies the family courtesy of a radio station in Los Angeles.

When the couple started making plans to come to Texas for Christmas, it was decided that Fluffy would stay in a kennel. Mrs. Carlton (Nita), hearing the announcement on station KHJ that one Christmas wish would be granted each hour, wrote a letter in first person for Fluffy.

The letter went something like this: "I am a dog. My Christmas wish is a round trip plane ticket to Lubbock and a cage to fly in. My master, after buying tickets for the family will not take me. I am worried about staying

in a kennel. The last time they left me I almost had a nervous breakdown."

Nita mailed the letter on Sunday and wishes were granted the next day. Wednesday the station called her to verify the request. Nita said yes, it was true, and the wish was granted.

In an interview Sunday, Nita said the dog was a good traveler and was much happier to be with the family. She said the last time Fluffy was left she had to have tranquilizers.

Jerry and Nita visited in Dallas last week while the grandparents kept Kelly and yes, Fluffy.

The family will leave here Christmas morning to go to Borger to visit with Nita's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sprague, through the week-end before returning to their home in Los Angeles.

Jerry is an attorney in the law firm of O'Melveny and Myers.

### Neinda Philosopher Had Hoped His In-Laws Would Squabble Over the Shape of His Yuletide Table

Editor's note: The Neinda Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Route One has found out what time of the year it is, his letter indicates. Dear editor:

I found this newspaper which somebody had wadded up and used as packing around a Christmas present to keep it from breaking and after I shook out the broken glass and smoothed it out, ran across an article that I wish a lot of my in-laws had read.

According to it, the Paris peace talks were bogged down for several weeks while the negotiators squabbled over the shape of the table they planned to negotiate around.

Some wanted a two-sided table, others a four-sided one, others a round one, others a curved one, or maybe octagonal or hexagonal, and some said it didn't matter.

My immediate reaction was, why can't my in-laws get up on the international level and start squabbling over the shape of the dining table they expect to eat Christmas dinner off of off of me?

Had they kept abreast of the news, they could have picked the shape table they demanded to eat off of, and by working one group against another it's possible I could have gotten everybody in an uproar and had the whole thing called off well in advance of buying the groceries.

### Ruth Sunday School Class Meets In Wallace Home

Ruth Sunday School Class of North Central Baptist Church met Dec. 17 in the home of Mrs. F. T. Wallace for the Christmas program and exchange of gifts.

Mrs. Roy Embrey gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Ben Wilcox led the Bible quiz and Mrs. Eual King gave the devotional on the Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke.

Mrs. L. H. Clark gave the closing prayer.

Others present were Mmes. G. B. Phillips, Eddie B. Hopper, Barrie Smith, T. H. Mason, Sid Clay, M. L. Haught, George Campbell, Bill Stewart and V. Madden.

### Faithful Workers Meet In Hopper Home for Social

The Faithful Workers Training Union group of North Central Baptist Church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie B. Hopper Friday for their annual Christmas social.

George Campbell gave the devotional. Gifts were exchanged. The host couple served refreshments to Messrs. and Mmes. Campbell, Joe Castle, F. T. Wallace, and Roy Embrey.

### Service Sunday School Class Meets for Dinner

Service Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met Thursday in Fellowship Hall for their annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange.

Mrs. Tom Routh gave the devotional. A money tree was provided for the Lottie Moon offering.

Attending were Mmes. Earl Herbst, Mary Jones, Jessie Scott, Mary Holmes, Georgie Hines, J. P. Cornelius, Alma Castleberry, Fred Allen, Erma Johnson and Miss Alice Wills. Visitors were Mrs. E. C. Davis, Mrs. Routh and Rev. Max Brown, pastor.

### Gives Rotary Club Program

Miss Carol Joe Simpson directed the program for the Hamlin Rotary Club last Wednesday.

She presented a short history of Christmas and the Christmas tree in various lands.

She then had each Rotarian draw a small gift wrapped box and open it. Inside was written a question about Christmas or instructions to sing a Christmas carol.

In-laws, like international leaders, are entitled to save face I guess, although with some faces, it's hard to figure out why. They're probably saying the same for me.

But when you get a set of people both uninformed and hungry, you're stuck. Here some of them come now.

O well, it's Christmas time and just because we've never been able to get the Christmas spirit going among nations is no sign it can't be used among individuals.

Merry Christmas to you, and to all the readers of The Herald.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A.

### Phebian Class Holds Christmas Supper Thursday

The Phebian Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met Thursday evening in the Fellowship Hall for a Christmas Supper.

Mrs. O. G. Harvey, hostess, was assisted by Mmes. C. R. Crowley and T. C. Gregory.

Husbands were guests and gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Harvey brought the devotional on the meaning of Christmas. Tables were decorated with the Christmas theme.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. LaFoy Patterson and Tony Lewis who played "Holy City." The group sang "Silent Night."

Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. D. O. Waymire, Travis Hubbard, Jack Wright, Noel Weaver, J. C. Lain, and Bonnie Bingham.

Also Mmes. G. W. Deel, Oran Taylor, Erma Hall, J. J. Crawford, Weldon Carter and W. S. Harrell.

### LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,

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Your friend,  
Jon Bill Holtz

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Good night.



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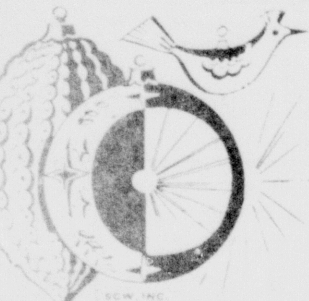
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### Family Project: Ornament-Making in Old Countries

That twinkling bauble in glowing colors hanging from your tree was no doubt mass-produced by American wonder-makers, but up till fairly recently these little beauties were part of an industry which involved whole families. Just as in medieval European families spent lifetimes weaving tapestries to hang on the manorial walls, so did Eastern European and Japanese families devote family skills to creating joy for your Christmas in the form of beautiful ornaments.



When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: then it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Matthew 2: 14-15

### Ceremonies Thru'out World Celebrate Twelfth Night

Twelfth Night, or Epiphany, is marked with many customs, ceremonies and legends throughout the world. French and Swiss children, for example, look forward to the pastry they receive on that day, in which a bean, coin or china figure is hidden. Whoever gets the prize, is crowned king of the family.

Epiphany means "appearance" and commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men to the Infant Jesus. Their arrival was proof to believers that Christ the Saviour was born.

During the Middle Ages, Epiphany or Twelfth

#### Realism Reflected at Christ's Birthplace

In the Middle East, where Christ lived, Christmas has a touch of realism. The patriarch comes from Jerusalem with a troop of cavalry in gorgeous array. The service lasts from 10 p.m. until long after midnight.

After the reading of the gospel the clergy and congregation leave the church and journey to the Grotto of the Nativity.

Night, was commemorated with plays presented in churches. Solemn observances largely disappeared in Elizabethan England, and this became a time for revelry.

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" reflects this mood. Historians say it was probably presented in a com-

mand performance at Whitehall Palace on January 6, 1601.

The foundation for the preservation of the freedom to celebrate such Christian beliefs as Christmas — this was the gift to our country on that very day in December 1776.

It happened when George Washington and his men won the battle at Trenton, Pa. That was the beginning of a long line of victories that eventually led to ultimate victory and total independence.

Many of our readers will recollect how in their childhood they were enthralled with the many colors, intricate shapes and sizes of these ornaments. Frequently they were heavy, and bowed the tree limbs, but they lasted from one Christmas to another, and from one generation to another.

The fragile bubbles of glass, which are so much a part of the decorations of the Christmas tree, were once largely a cottage industry in Europe and Japan.

In the tiny villages that cling to steep mountainsides in eastern Europe whole families shared in the manufacturing process.

Special shapes and designs are the exclusive property of certain families, the patterns frequently dating back for centuries unchanged.

Using a Bunsen burner, the father carefully blew the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son removed the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvered the inside, and the daughters applied painted designs.



Mechanical methods, developed in recent years by American glass manufacturers, have brought this picturesque little industry to an eclipse, except for rare instances where the handcraftsman art is still cherished.



### Christmas in Brazil, French Canada, and the Philippine Islands

In Brazil, the Christmas season is in the nature of a fiesta. Yet it is solemnly heralded by an open-air Mass at midnight on Christmas Eve.

December 24 here is very tropical, with midsummer weather, which gives the Holiday distinction unknown in northern climes.

A colorful altar is set up in the Cathedral churchyard where the worshippers pray and chant religious hymns which reflect the Indian and native origins as well. Colorful banners and richly ornate religious trappings hail the Event of Christ's Birth.

After devotions the families have Christmas Eve supper in their homes.

French Canada celebrates Christmas with characteristic lightness of spirit yet intense religious feeling.

Christmas Day begins with a midnight Mass of great splendor, followed by Reveillon, an elaborate after-church dinner in the home.

Throughout, the celebration is charmingly and simply observed... with great evidence of faith by the people.

On January 6 the Season ends with the feast of the Kings of Epiphany, celebrated with merriment and festivity. At this feast

the traditional cake, Le Gâteau des Rois (The Cake of the Kings) is cut. It has a pea and bean in it. The man and woman receiving them are elected the King and Queen, respectively, of the Twelfth Night.

In the Philippine Islands colorful wreaths and chains of brilliant tropical flowers are worn by the children as they partake of the festive after-Mass parade. A band leads the parade, accompanying the

children's singing.

A family dinner follows the after-Mass parade. Dancing and musical entertainment provide the celebrations for afternoon and evening.

The children do not have a Christmas tree but they deck their homes bountifully. Flags, bunting, palms and colorful flowers adorn their homes, and a candle is kept burning in the window all night for the little Jesus and the lonely passerby.

### Tradition Has It That Yule Tree Began in Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

SILENT NIGHT

... may it bring peace to a troubled world

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# CHRISTMAS JOY



As we gather together with friends and loved ones in our churches and our homes, may we remember the real meaning of Christmas... God's love for us... and may our hearts be filled with joy!

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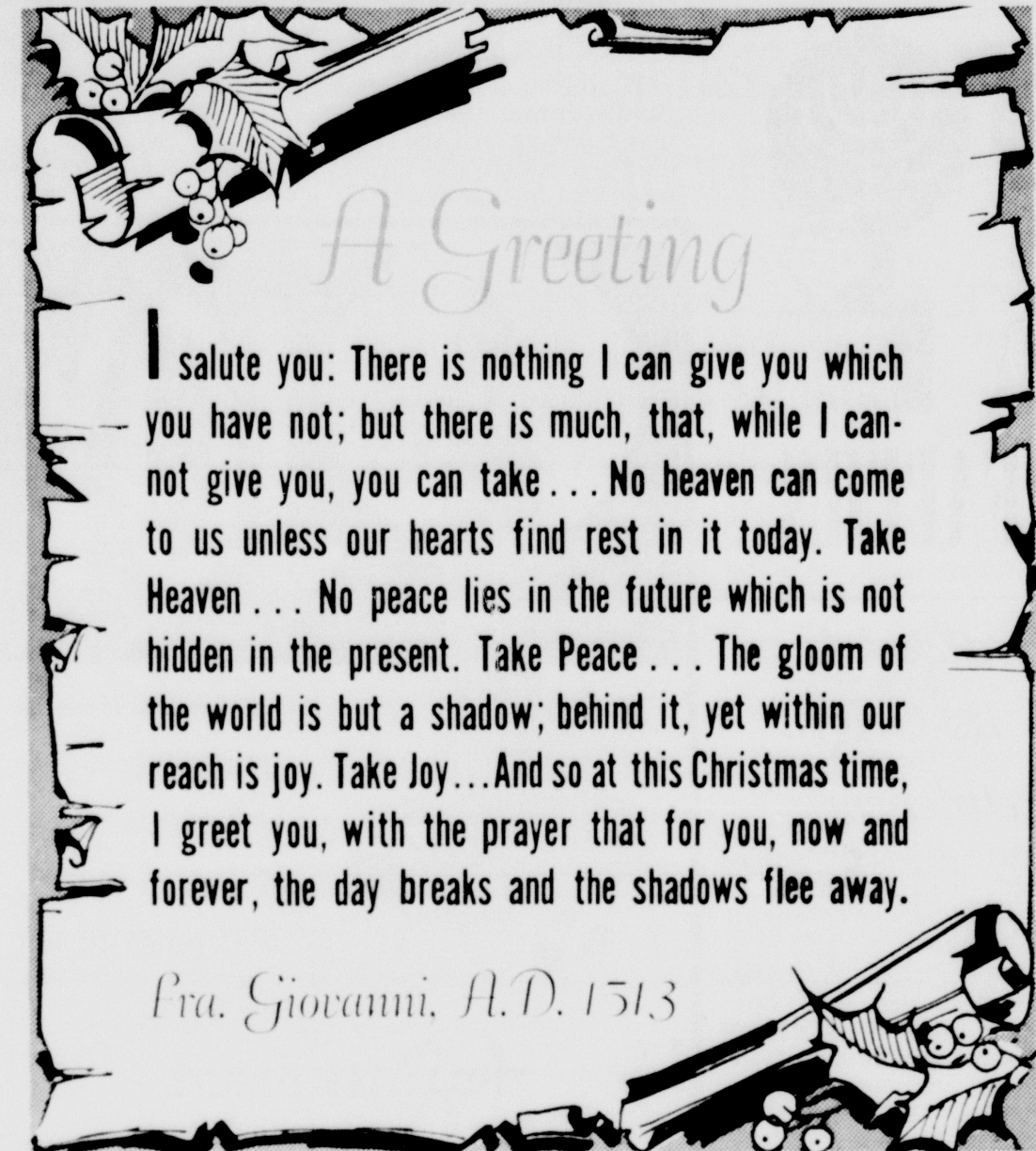
"Solid As A Rock"

Peace on Earth

Today the world again needs Wise Men ready to follow the Star of Bethlehem

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH





# A Greeting

I salute you: There is nothing I can give you which you have not; but there is much, that, while I cannot give you, you can take... No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in it today. Take Heaven... No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in the present. Take Peace... The gloom of the world is but a shadow; behind it, yet within our reach is joy. Take Joy... And so at this Christmas time, I greet you, with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks and the shadows flee away.

*Fra. Giovanni, A.D. 1513*



## GREETINGS

Here's hoping Christmas will be warm and bright

TIM JONES, PHOTOGRAPHY

### States Claim Christmas Plants For Their Very Own

Santa Claus, Indiana is the most famous of all towns bearing names associated with Christmas.

Except for a coincidence, the name of the town may have been any of a number of less colorful names.

Originally, the name desired was Santa Fe, but officials in Washington suggested the town be given another name, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, 1882, the townspeople gathered to select another name, but one name after another was rejected, until "Santa Claus" strode into the meeting to get warm. He was in costume, and with his arrival everyone knew what the name of the town would be—Santa Claus, Indiana!



### 'EVER-BLOOMING' STORY OF THE XMAS ROSE

When Christ was born in Bethlehem kings from far-away lands came bearing gifts of great rarity and value. Everyone within sight and sound of the Event came and brought gifts of one kind or another... the shepherds brought little new-born lambs as their humble offering.

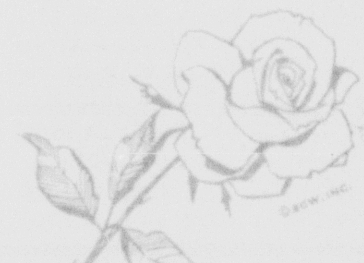
Off to a corner, unnoticed, huddled a little shepherdess, named Madelon, who wept because she had no gift for the Baby.

show the Child the beautiful flowers.

Little Jesus touched the blooms with his tiny fingers and behold! the petals flushed rosy pink! This was the Christmas rose.

'Tis said that to this day, every year, when Christmas comes (and not until that day) the Christmas Rose blooms abundantly, in celebration of the Holy Birthday.

The Christmas Rose in itself is a great gift for the World, as it was on that hallowed day, many, many years ago... as was the Holy Child, to all mankind, for all time.



As her tears fell to the stable ground a miracle came to pass: small, lovely blooms sprang up among the tears; Madelon quickly gathered them and ran to

☆ A group of archaeologists discovered the name of Jesus carved before 70 A.D. among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem road.

△ △ △  
The Puritan Government banned the celebration of Christmas in England in 1643.

### Different and Beautiful

You can quickly make your own Cathedral "stained glass" window in your home!

Just take jewel-colored cellophane and cut into many shapes. Apply to a clear glass door or window with rubber cement or sticky tape.

Let your imagination wander with the subject and shapes that please you. The materials are very inexpensive and if you make a mistake, just start over again!

By crinkling the cellophane you get a textured look of pebbled glass!

The lights in your home at night will shine through the colors and design and you'll be amazed at the striking effect!



A hearty "thank you" to all our Patrons... may this Christmas be your merriest ever!

BOND WELDING  
PETE AND MAVIS BOND

The Twelve Days of Christmas were set aside by Alfred the Great of Britain.

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The flower most symbolic of Christmas, the poinsettia, was named for Joel Robert Poinsett of South Carolina.





# PEACE TO ALL

This is our sincere prayer for Christmas

MAC'S

LUTHER AND MARTHA HAUGHT



# Greetings

## BEST WISHES FOR A SEASON THAT'S FILLED WITH CHEER!

HAMLIN FARMERS' COOP GIN

WATTS FLETCHER, Manager



# Christmas Cheer

May Santa bring you all the things you wish for!

HEIDENHEIMER'S



**CARE PACKAGES**  
You can spread Christmas joy overseas to needy families through CARE packages. Not only food, but clothing packages are made up and sent in your name. CARE stands for Co-operative for American Remittances to Everywhere, Inc.




**FROM A MERRY OLD SOLE AND HIS COBBLER**

**JOHN'S BOOT AND SADDLE**  
SALES AND REPAIR



**GOOD CHEER TO ALL**

**T and O FLOWERS**  
Lou and Ben Turner      Grace and Burt Oliver



**NOEL**

May the season bring both spiritual and material blessings to you

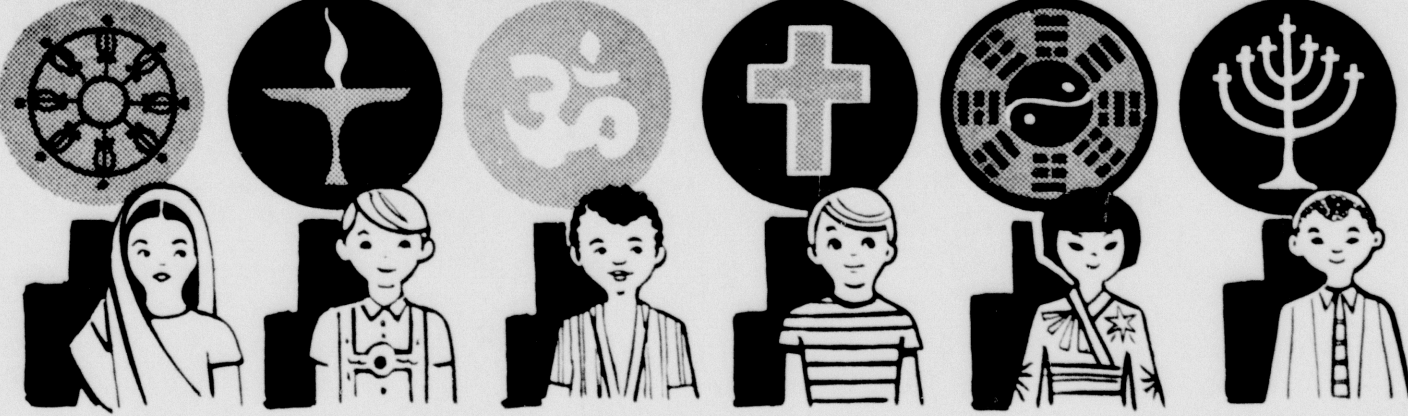
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USED CARS AND AUTO PARTS  
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**Best Wishes**

May Your Home be Filled with every Joy

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**GOD'S PEACE TO MEN OF ALL FAITHS**

**Toys Part of Human Living Long Before "Civilization"**

Where did the toys that children love so much such as dolls, kites, blocks, etc. ... come from?

Records and archeological excavations show that children have been playing with dolls, and many other toys we still see today, since many thousands of years ago.

The Egyptians were perhaps the first to have dolls. These were not idols, they were strictly items to entertain the children.

Kites originated in the Orient. At one time kite flying was a national sport in China.

Blocks, which were once called building bricks first appeared minus any decoration. Most were somewhat larger than the average ones today.

Generally as soon as something new appears for adults, it is duplicated in miniature for children. It was not too many years after the first appearance of the locomotive that a child's replica was designed. The earliest steam engine, however, far preceded this ... records show a reference to it as far back as 150 years before the birth of Christ.

The sling shot, used by men as a weapon, and referred to in the Bible as David's weapon, has been a toy for centuries, too.

Children's tastes have changed little since ancient times. A look at the toy collection in the British Museum would prove that. In fact, it would not be advisable to take the children there before Christmas — they'd find too many toys to ask for!

**Our Christmas 'Bedlam' Is A Far Cry From Its Origin, Peaceful Little 'Bethlehem'**

Carols blaring forth from stores' loudspeakers on a busy shopping street ... mixed and mingling to a near cacaphony.

Corner Santa Clauses in many shapes and sizes ringing ... tolling their bells, on street corners.

The noise of rock-and-roll from passing car-radios.

Shoppers, mostly youngsters, strolling by, a glazed look on their faces as they listen, rapt, to their pocket transistor radios.

The clatter of the "el" ... the honking of impatient horns, the roar of the subway trains, the shrill call of children, the noise, the noise ... the Bedlam of Christmas in a large American city, the year of our Lord, 1968.

A far cry from the beginnings of Christmas, in a little town of Bethlehem, almost 2000 years ago ...

Later, in the 13th century in London, England, a hospital was built for care for the ill and indigent of the teeming city (even in the 13th century London had masses of people). The Hospital was called St. Mary of Bethlehem.

With the passing centuries the hospital became an asylum for the insane (using terms applicable to the times). Familiarity

**CANDLE LEGEND**  
If you burn a bayberry candle during the Christmas holidays, and the candle burns bright and clear, legend says that you will have good luck throughout the year and a long and happy life.

There are about 180 species of Holly.



**JOY**

MAY HAPPINESS BRIGHTEN YOUR HOME, NOW AT CHRISTMAS, AND IN THE DAYS TO COME ... BEST WISHES TO ALL!

**THE LITTLE DANDY**  
MRS. ALENE McCRACKEN



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Greetings in the spirit of the season to all our wonderful patrons!

**A. E. KILLION TANK TRUCKS, INC.**

But the modern-day doll is primarily a playtoy, to simulate the grand world of grown-ups, to let little girls, or little boys, escape the everyday world and its pressures. Not so, with dolls of olden times. They may have been doted on, and cradled, but they were given special respect not always given modern dolls.

Precious puppet of childhood days, the doll is one of the oldest of human institutions. In ancient remains of earlier societies, dolls of clay, wood, bone and ivory, were found in children's graves.

It is known that in earlier centuries, those dolls used as playthings were connected with images of saints.

In many aborigine groups, dolls are made as the image of a deity and are considered sacred. They are entrusted to the children as part of their religious instruction.

In Japan, dolls were created as "scapegoats" — they were dressed, and fed, and generally treated as though they were alive to ward off evil from the families' children.

Among the Hindus and Mohammedans where infant marriages prevail, elaborately-dressed dolls with many belongings, are presented to the girl at marriage.

In Africa, the use of dolls as toys is complicated by the fact that they are often used for magic rites and are often kept as household fetiches.

The word "wassail" is derived from the Old English waes hal — a toast meaning "be whole" or "be thou well."



**Greetings**

To all our patrons ... from the station that serves Santa.

**O. H. WEAVER TEXACO**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

A Most Bountiful Day to You and Yours. May you find A Lasting Happiness

**PIED PIPER MILLS**

**Oldest Christian Church Looks Like a Fortress**


The oldest church in Christianity is reputed to be the Church of the Nativity, built upon the spot where the stable stood. It was erected by Emperor Constantine the Great, in 330 A.D.

The church looks like a fortress. Its original stately portal has been walled up and replaced by a low and narrow entrance. There was a reason for this. In the first place, it compels the many pilgrims to bow before they enter. In the second place it was designed to keep the infidels from riding in on horseback or camel.

The interior of the church is dignified and simple, set off by beautiful Corinthian columns of native red sandstone. The roof is of massive oak. Silver lamps burning olive oil are suspended on gold and silver chains from the beams.

A silver star, fastened to a simple altar with silver nails, marks the exact spot where the Infant Jesus was born.


Three steps lead down to a small cave-like recess, the Chapel of the Manger. Beautiful tapestries and rugs are draped across the walls. Fifteen silver lamps are kept burning eternally in honor of Him, Who Christians believe, even today, is the light of the world.



**Merry Christmas**

'Tis the season to be jolly — happy holidays!

**HOWARD CASH FOOD**  
GEORGE AND FAYE LAVERNE



**O Come, Let Us Adore Him**

**CARLTON IMPLEMENT COMPANY**



## Danish Postal Clerk Originated Xmas Seal; U.S. Newspaper Launched Crusade

Far more than just a colorful little sticker to brighten cards and gifts, the Christmas Seal epitomizes a mighty crusade for health and happiness.

The Seal originated in Denmark in 1904. A kindly postal clerk, Einar Holboell, brooded over the suffering of sick children and tried to think of a way to help them.

As he sorted the heavy Christmas mail he was struck by the idea of a stamp which people would buy, use at Christmas, and which would benefit sick and needy youngsters. The postmaster liked the idea, so did the King of Denmark, and so did the warmhearted Danish people. Soon enough money came in to build a chil-

dran's tuberculosis hospital.



Some of these seals reached America. A Danish-American writer, Jacob Riis, received one on a letter. Knowing the tragedy of the disease firsthand (6 of his brothers had died) he wrote an article, pleading for someone to take up the cause in the United States.

A doctor serving at a shack set up as a TB hos-

pital in Delaware, desperately trying to save the little hospice, asked help from his cousin, Emily Bissell, who raised funds for good causes.

\$300 was urgently needed, at once.

Miss Bissell, having heard of Denmark's success with the stamps, resolved to bring it to life in this country.



The stamps went on sale in the Wilmington post-office. At the end of a few days only a few dollars had been realized... many dol-



And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn... And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them... from St. Luke, Chapter 2

## CANDLES LIGHT UP MAN'S CELEBRATIONS THROUGH HISTORY

It is difficult to imagine Christmastime without candles.

Long before Christ, man associated the light of the candle with his spiritual longings. The Old Testament refers to the candle often.

As civilization dawned, man came to guard the flames he discovered he could make by friction of sticks or flint. Crude torches let him hold the light a little longer and to lengthen his days so that he might pursue his labor and his quest for knowledge.

The Romans were probably the first to make candles, which they burned before the altars of their gods, to light their banquet rooms, and to light their pageants and carnivals. It is interesting to note that while pagan Rome used the candle for merry-making, the Chris-

tian martyrs used it to light the catacombs.

It was natural for Christians to adapt the candle to their way of life, for Christ had referred to Himself as the Light of the world. More, He had assured them that each Christian was a light.

The Middle Ages found the candle at its zenith. Made of tallow, by the dipping process, the candle was widely used for light, on up till the 19th century.

The Medieval church made sure that candles were made of beeswax... an idea founded in the belief that bees came to earth directly from heaven. Throughout the Middle Ages it was common for swarms of bees to be cared for near religious establishments.

Some of the candles of the Middle Ages were thick and tall; they rose over the heads of the people and cast a fairly strong light in a royal hall, or cathedral. These huge candles weighed as much as 300 pounds.

The custom of putting lighted candles on the tree came from Martin Luther's time, when hazards of fire from candles was an accepted risk, part of life itself.

The idea of lights on the tree is still cherished by modern man. One of Albert Schweitzer's books tells of a Christmas Day in a steaming jungle when a dying man begged for a Christmas tree with candles on it.

It is traditional that every family in Ireland have a candle in the home as a symbol of faith, to welcome the Christ and to invite strangers (who may be the Holy Infant with an earthly disguise).

In Italy a Christmas candle is kept burning in front of each creche during the Yule Season.

In Spain, the Christmas candle is placed over the doors of the faithful.

### Christmas Creche Has Age-Old Tradition

We do not know when the first creche was set up as a tableau to illustrate the nativity, but church records indicate that St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the Pope to reconstruct the scene in the Bethlehem stable.

Today the crib, surrounded by figurines of the Holy Family, the Three Wise Men, shepherds, angels and farm animals, is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the brightly decorated Christmas tree is to America.

Save your Christmas cards and give them to the orphanage or church group for children's scrap-books.



Best wishes from the staff & management of

**JOE HUDSPETH'S**



*Yuletide greetings to one & all! May your holidays be gay!*

**CARL MURRELL CHEVROLET**

## Blessings at Christmas



Let us rejoice in the message of the season!

### BRYANT INSURANCE AGENCY

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# Noel

May the spirit of brotherly love illuminate every heart and every home at Christmastime.

**ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.**

LUMBERMEN  
HAMLIN, TEXAS



# Legends of Xmas Tree Rooted in Countries All Over the World

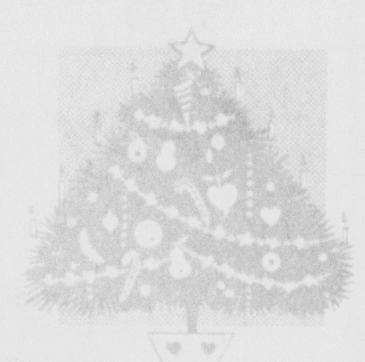
One German folk tale tells of a child being lost on Christmas Eve and wandering in search of food and shelter. Knocking on the door of a simple cottage, the child was welcomed and fed by an old, poor couple who shared their simple foods despite their own circumstances.



The next morning the couple found the child to be gone. As they searched about, they heard a host of angels singing outside their door. Amidst this group of angels, the Christ Child appeared. The couple recognized Him as the waif they had cared for.

Before departing from His kind friends, the Christ Child broke a branch from a nearby tree and stuck it into the ground. Before their eyes, the elderly couple watched the tree blossom and bear delicious fruits.

From that day on, the tree bore fruit for the couple at Christmas time. From then on, most German homes displayed trees decorated with fruits and nuts to commemorate this miracle.



Other European folk tales speak of the decorated trees as having originated in the Slavic

countries; the forerunner of this custom was the practice of greeting one's holiday guests at the door with some branches of greenery lighted with candles.

It is also said that Martin Luther was the first to light a Christmas tree in 1530. His intention was to memorialize the beauty of winter starlight.

When the use of the tree lapsed from favor, it was Queen Victoria who in



1841 brought it back again. Victoria was evidently influenced by her German governess, Baroness Lehzen.

The official tree, decorated with baubles and candles, was set up in Windsor Castle. After this introduction, the idea became quite fashionable again, and the custom found its way again into many an English home.

Almost thirty years later the Christmas tree became a holiday custom in the United States.

Today, burning candles are replaced by strings of electric lights; fruits and nuts have been replaced by fragile glass baubles; and, in some cases, the green-boughed tree has been changed to one made of plastic or foil, and much to some people's dismay, even comes in pink and other non-green colors.

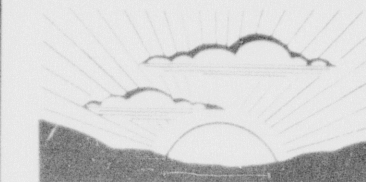
The symbolic use of the tree dates back at least 4,000 years to a time when the Egyptians celebrated in honor of their sun god during the month corresponding to our December. This was the season of rejoicing and the palm tree became its symbol.

Still another story of the Christmas tree goes back to the days of Saint Wilfrid in the 7th Century. Once, as he stood among a crowd of his converts, he tried to indicate their severance of all connections with heathen religions by cutting down a great oak. As it fell to the earth, the oak split into four pieces and — to the amazement of the converts — a young fir tree with its green spire pointing toward the heavens grew from the center.

"This little tree," said Wilfrid, "is a young child of the forest. It shall be your holy tree tonight. It is a sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever-green. See how it points toward heaven. Let this tree be called the tree of the Christ Child."

Whatever the origins of the Tree, whatever the legends, the Tree remains the best beloved of the holiday greenery. Let those who cherish it honor it when it is wilted and brown by burning it, not throwing it away in the trashcan. This is unworthy of the Christian celebration and of the noble Tree.

Yuletide is here,  
Yuletide is here,  
Now the holly leaf is green-o!  
Easter would come  
when Yuletide is done,  
If Lent didn't come  
between-o! — Old Carol



We are all familiar with the Christmas story, but how many remember the names of the three Wise Men? — Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar!

## The Little Match Girl

### A CHRISTMAS STORY

One December day, a poor little girl trudged along a busy city street through cold, deep snow. She wore no shoes but on one foot she wore one man's large slipper which she had found in a trashcan. Her feet were red and raw in the bitter cold.

In her apron she carried many boxes of matches which she tried to sell to passersby.

The little girl was not having any luck, but she was afraid to go home, for her father had said he would beat her if she came home without money.

Now it was getting colder, the snow was coming down harder, a wind was whipping her threadbare scarf against her cheek.

She huddled in a corner between two buildings, trying to get warm.

She took a match from her apron and lighted it, to warm her numb fingers. How brightly it sputtered! In its light she seemed to see a big warm stove with pots bubbling happily.

But when the match burned out the beautiful scene disappeared.

She struck another match . . . and another,

and each time another lovely scene took shape before her eyes . . . tall taper candles which seemed to grow longer, rising higher.

The candles rose higher, until they became stars in the sky; then one of them fell.

"Oh!" she said to herself, "that falling star means someone is dying."

She struggled to light another match, then another . . . and suddenly, right in the midst of the bright glow was her dear mother who had died when the little girl was just a 3-year-old.

"Mother!" the little girl cried. "Mother! Please take me with you!"

Her mother gathered her into her arms, and together they rose high up to the sky, so high, there were angels hovering near, and the little girl sighed with joy.

In the morning, when busy shoppers hurried by they saw the little match girl huddled on the hard sidewalk, burned matches about her. She seemed to be sleeping, and a smile was on her lips.

ADAPTED FROM THE TALE BY HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

cattle thrive, and all crops flourish.

The Christian Church felt that by turning the 25th of December sun festival into a Holy Day, they could convert many non-believers from their worship of the sun to Him who is called the "Son of Righteousness."

## SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

May each man find peace in his heart this night . . . and may that peace extend throughout the world.

### PIGGLY WIGGLY

## Greetings

AN ELIXIR OF JOY TO YOU

WAGGONER DRUG STORE

"The Fussy Pill Rollers"

## Good Wishes To you

May your year be filled with roses!

HAMLIN FLOWER SHOP

FASHION SHOP

Byrdie Madden, Frankie Wilson, Opal Smith  
Clarence Blankinslip and Babs Jettrey

## Season's Greetings

We appreciate your patronage.

JESS AND NAOMI YOUNG

## Ancient Romans Hailed Dec. 25 As Sun's Birthday; Christians, As Son of God's

The sun has always had special significance for man through the ages.

It is no coincidence, therefore, that the sun figures in the selection of December 25th as the birthdate of the Christ.

It is common knowledge that the true date of Christ's birth has not yet been determined . . . but have you wondered why the 25th of December was selected to celebrate Christ's birth?

For a long time the 6th of January was celebrated as the day of the Nativity, and was not changed to the earlier date until about 375 A.D.

According to the Roman Julian calendar, the 25th of December was reckoned

the winter solstice, and the birthday of the sun!

This was the day that the light lengthened and the powers of the sun once again grew strong.

It was a symbolic promise that once again the heat of the sun would make the grass grow, the

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

May the Gift of Lasting Happiness come in bright and clear

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## Blessings to All

On this Holy Day . . . we pray that you will be blessed with health and happiness and may the spirit of Christmas guide your future.

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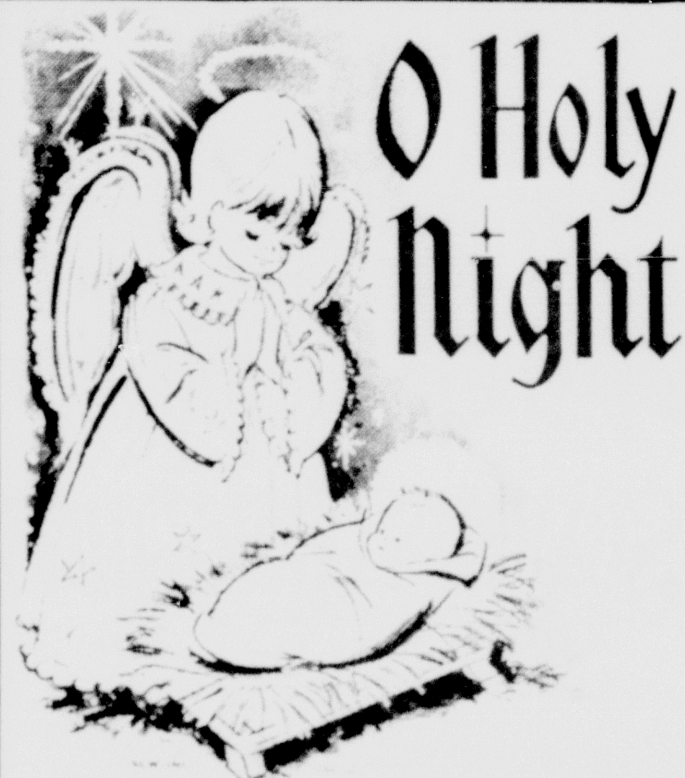


# HOLY NIGHT



may it live in men's hearts!

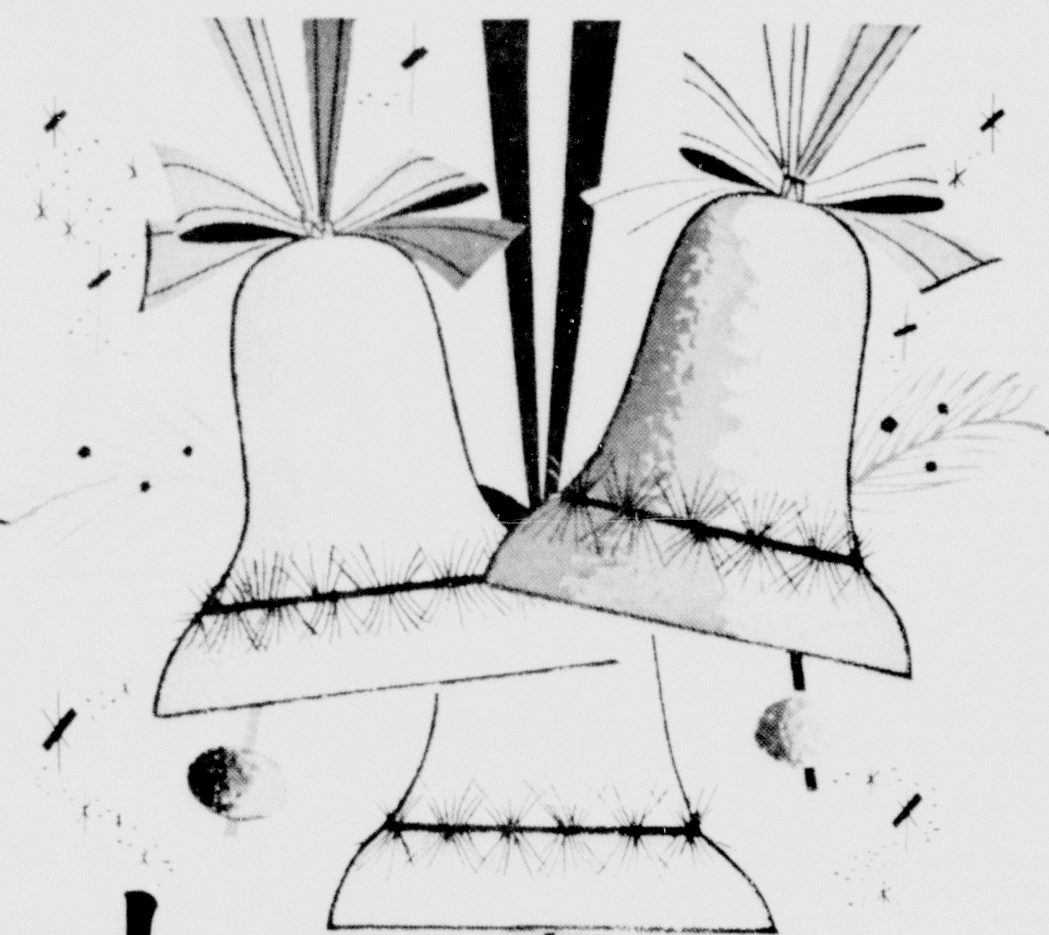
## McDonald's



# O Holy Night

COME, LET US ADORE HIM!  
SIMPSON'S FINE FOODS

MR AND MRS JOE A SIMPSON  
FAITH AND CAROL JOE  
OLETA AVANTS TERRY BAILEY



# Holiday Greetings

*These gayly decorated Christmas  
Bells ring out a message of joy and happiness to all  
our friends and patrons . . . and*  
"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL"

## FRANK'S

HAMLIN'S LEADING DEPARTMENT STORE



# LETTERS TO... SANTA



Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me something  
nice for Christmas. I want an  
air-blaster gun and a Johnny  
Service.  
I want an Astro Track and  
a Matt Mason man in space,  
too.  
Thank you,  
Ronald Lee Reusch

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a race car  
and a B-B gun for Christ-  
mas.  
Your friend,  
Jessie Ruiz

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Tubey  
doll and a crib for Christmas.  
Love,  
Lucy Brown

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Tubey  
doll and a crib for Christmas.  
Love,  
Molly Wise

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll and  
table and chair and dishes  
for Christmas.  
Thank you,  
Jacquelyn Hooper

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a racer set, football,  
a bike and a BB gun for  
Christmas, please.  
Trofilo Garcia

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle  
for Christmas. Thank you.  
Rafael Martinez

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a hair roller set and  
a Homemaker Vanity set for  
Christmas.  
Love,  
Lesley Wilson

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me something  
nice for Christmas. I want a  
B-B gun.  
Javier Guerra

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me something  
nice for Christmas. I want a  
talking Barbie doll and a tri-  
cycle.  
Love,  
Cindy Rivera

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle and a doll  
for Christmas.  
Thank you,  
Delores Hunter

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me something  
nice for Christmas. I want a  
pin-ball machine.  
Thanks,  
James Beasley

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a pretty  
doll for Christmas. Bring my  
sisters something.  
Frances Chavez

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a neck-  
lace and bracelet for Christ-  
mas.  
Thank you,  
Debra Spalding

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a B-B gun,  
bicycle and a football set.  
Thank you Santa.  
Johnny Baldivia

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle  
and a football for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Dale Chance

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a B-B gun and a  
bicycle for Christmas.  
Please,  
Abel Silvas

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Barbie  
doll that talks and a sewing  
machine this year.  
Love,  
Cindy Kay Ingram

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a chair  
and table set and a talking  
Barbie doll for Christmas.  
Love,  
Diana Benton White

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa,  
I want a racer set and a  
B-B gun for Christmas.  
Thank you,  
Neal Baker

Hamlin, Texas  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me something  
nice for Christmas. I want a  
racer set and a football.  
Todd Marshall

Dear Santa,  
I hope I get a pretty new  
dress for Christmas. Please  
bring me a little doll. Merry  
Christmas.  
Martina Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a gun  
holster and a guitar. Merry  
Christmas to you.  
Love,  
Harvey Titus

Dear Santa,  
I hope I get a bicycle and  
a doll.  
Thank you.  
Yolanda Lopez

Dear Santa,  
May I have a doll and some  
socks.  
Love,  
Ellen Rodriguez



THANK YOU, OUR MANY CUSTOMERS, FOR  
YOUR PATRONAGE DURING THE PAST  
YEARS. IT WAS OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE  
YOU. THE TRUCKING COMPANY HAS BEEN  
PURCHASED BY H. L. MEHAFFEY. IT IS OUR  
WISH THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO LET  
HIM SERVE YOU.

CARL YOUNG TRUCKING

To Santa,  
I like you. Do you like me?  
I want my two front teeth.  
Gaelyn Beth Chance

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy all  
year. Please bring me a gun  
set, a truck, a Jack-in-the-box,  
some nuts, fruit, and candy.  
Bring me an army truck and  
a football game. I hope you  
think this is not too much.  
Don Pearce

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby First Step,  
a talking Stacey and Suit  
case.

Love,  
Tina Fuschak  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Football  
Suit, a Time Machine, and a  
Rabbit Gun. Please remem-  
ber all the other boys.  
I love you,  
Larry Nail



*May love's kindly glow brighten  
your home at Christmas*

STYLE CLEANERS

DON HYMER, Owner



# SEASON'S BEST

We hope Santa makes everyone's dreams come true!  
To you and yours, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

DR. AND MRS. E. J. HAWKINS  
Lou Ann, Jimmy, Sharon and Jonathan





**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
May you enjoy yards and yards of Good Health

FEAGAN OIL CO.



**LETTERS TO...  
SANTA**



Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl. Please may I have for Christmas a Tussy Doll, a set of dishes and a doll carriage, and a talking Barbie.  
Thank you,  
Tracy Blanton

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a sleepy doll a Suzy Home maker and a bicycle. Bring me a big red wagon too.  
Thank you,  
Angelita Rangel

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle with Hi-Riser Handlebars and a banana-seat. This will make me so happy.  
Sincerely,  
Jeral Middleton

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle, a racing car and fruit and candy.  
Thank you,  
Delger Gill Covington

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Suzy Home Maker, a Barbie Doll, some red loafers, some dishes, and a doll cradle.  
Thank you very much.  
Lisa Caffey  
Age 4

Dear Santa Claus,  
Santa I want a winchester B. B. gun and a green 5-Speed bike and Junior wants Buy-a-Boo and a little bike, and Junior the baby. Junior wants a game called Operation and Marvel the Mustang.  
Your friend,  
Joe Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
I am a big boy, three years old. I have been a good boy. I want a big fire engine and a machine gun, also some goodies for my sock. I will leave you some pie and milk on the table.  
Bye Santa Claus  
Bradley Gene Hobbs

**Christmas Joy**



May Christmas "unlock" Much Happiness

H. O. CASSLE AND SON  
REAL ESTATE, LOANS AND RENTALS

**JOY at CHRISTMAS**

The joy of giving... the warmth of family reunions... may these and more be yours!

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Rodgers  
RICKY AND GERALD

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a talking Barbie and some Barbie clothes. I would also like a Baby Party and some black go-go boots. My baby sister wants a baby doll and a tyke bike.  
Love,  
Melissa and Tricia Kiser

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an air blaster, a BB gun, a set of racing cars and a creepy crawly set.  
Thank you,  
Tommy Allen

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a B-B gun, a truck and trailer, a tractor, a dump truck, and a radio.  
Thank you,  
Carl Pyron

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a watch, Tussy, Jane West, talk Barbie, and Stuffed Lassie. I hope I get them. If you don't have one - please bring something else. Santa I hope Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer is feeling good. I hope you see my elf on the Christmas tree. I saw you on TV in a parade.  
Love you,  
Jamie

**Season's Greetings**

THE KNABELS

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a Doctor Kit, Foot Ballsuit, gun and scabbler, and Hot Wheels and GI Joe.  
Thank you  
Ricky Adams  
Age 4

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Suzy Homemaker grill, Baby Grow A Tooth, and Baby Thymelina. Please remember my brother George Preston and bring him a truck and red wagon.  
LuEtta Scifres


**One 'Ordinary' Man: Yet He Changed World**



**Season's Greetings**

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas filled with good cheer!

CONNALLY FORD SALES  
47 E. LAKE DRIVE



May all your dreams come true!

JNO. V. HOWARD FOOD MARKET  
THE JOHN HOWARDS

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good boy this year Santa. I would like you to think of me this year and the other girls and boys. This is what I would like for you to bring me. A GI Joe that talks, motorcycle for GI Joe, Army Jeep and trailer, footlocker, M. P. Suit, Air force, Marine, Navy, Outer space and rain coat. A black dress suit.  
I sure do love you Santa.  
Gordon Roberts  
420 N. W. Ave. H  
Hamlin, Texas

**Carol Singing Still A Popular Christmas Custom**

Caroling is the custom in many countries throughout the world. And, there are about as many different customs connected with it as there are countries.

Bagpipe music accompanies the carolers in (no, not Scotland) Italy!

In England the carolers receive gifts for their efforts. "Gifts" of refreshments are often the case in America.

"Star-singers" is the name for groups of carolers in many nations. The term is taken from the pole they carry, which has a lighted star on top.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play:  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



Season's Gr-Eatings to One and All!

LEE'S CAFE  
MR. AND MRS. O. R. LEE  
138 S. Central

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office.

He never owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never travelled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He had no credentials but Himself.

He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying - and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that One Solitary Life.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

In the Southern Hemisphere Christmas is celebrated in mid-summer heat. They will have the traditional turkey dinner.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



Hope Your Holiday is a Driving Success

LEE HASTINGS SERVICE STATION  
TEXACO PRODUCTS

**Christmas**

is mistletoe and holly... and warm greetings from friends like...

RAY HULING GULF STATION  
12 SOUTH CENTRAL

**Peace on Earth**

May the Holy Babe bless the family of man with lasting peace.

JOHNSON'S BUTANE AND REPAIR

**Greetings**

It's always a pleasure to wish our friends the best at Christmastime.

HAMLIN AUTO PARTS  
129 South Central 576-3673





... to all our good friends! We've enjoyed serving you - we look forward to serving you again!

JORDAN'S DAIRY CREAM  
MR. AND MRS. ROY JORDAN



It's that time of year - when we think of friends old and new and extend our heartfelt wishes for their happiness!

TOM PRITCHARD & SONS



We're wrapping up best wishes for all our good friends at this holiday season!

WHITE'S STORE  
MR. AND MRS. B. O. BELL



Christmas Blessings on You & Yours

Dr. and Mrs. James E. Harrison  
MARILYN, CAROLYN AND LYNDIA



Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a real watch, some snow, a Suzy Homemaker set and an easy bake oven, and a snow cone machine. I would love some new clothes, and some dresses for my doll.  
Thank you,  
Lisa Lanell Gruben

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big Barbie doll, a set of dishes and a doughmaker, a bicycle and a wagon.  
Thank you,  
Lafonda Holden

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike a big robot wagon, some fruit and candy. Would be good.  
Thank you,  
Gabriel Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Suzy Home m aker, Tippy Toes, a Barbie, and a bicycle. I don't need training wheels, and a talking Bee.  
Karla Ann Skiles

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Baby doll, a doll buggy and a cook stove and tea set. I would like some new clothes too.  
Thank you,  
Barbara Sue Johnson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me racing car set some guns and set of drums.  
Thank you,  
Keith Alexander

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a talking Bee, a Suzy Home maker and some fruit and candy.  
Thank you,  
Maribell Longraia

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bicycle, a football and football suit, a little race car. I would like a sand truck set.  
Thank you,  
Gregor Allen

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and some dishes.  
Thank you,  
Brenda Holden

Dear Santa,  
I would like a truck, a toy car, and a space ship.  
Thank you,  
Saul Longoria

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a twist and turn Barbie doll. Some doll dishes too, with a big red wagon. Remember all children every where.  
Love,  
Rosemary Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a red wagon and a Suzy Homemaker I would like some candy and goodies too.  
Thank you,  
Tommy Shelton

Dear Santa,  
Please bring us snow for Christmas. We had some but not enough. Bring me a boxing robot and Noble Knight and a BB gun.  
Thank you,  
Travis Davis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Baby Go to Sleep doll, a Suzy Home-Maker set and a supergrill. I would like for you to remember all boys and girls.  
Thank you,  
Debbe Schneeweis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Baby doll with clothes and a tea set. I would like some clothes too.  
Thank you,  
Marta Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I know you are very busy right now Santa getting things fix up for all the girls and boys. I have been a good boy this year and I have been so happy this year. I am in the Cub Scouts and I do enjoy it very much. My brother and I sure want you to remember our Denmother and those that work with her. I sure would like to have a black dress suit, rain coat, sleeping bag, walkie-talkies.  
I love you Santa.  
Wendell Roberts  
420 N. W. Ave. H  
Hamlin, Texas 79502

Dear Santa,  
I am sure it is cold where

how to genuinely celebrate Christmas

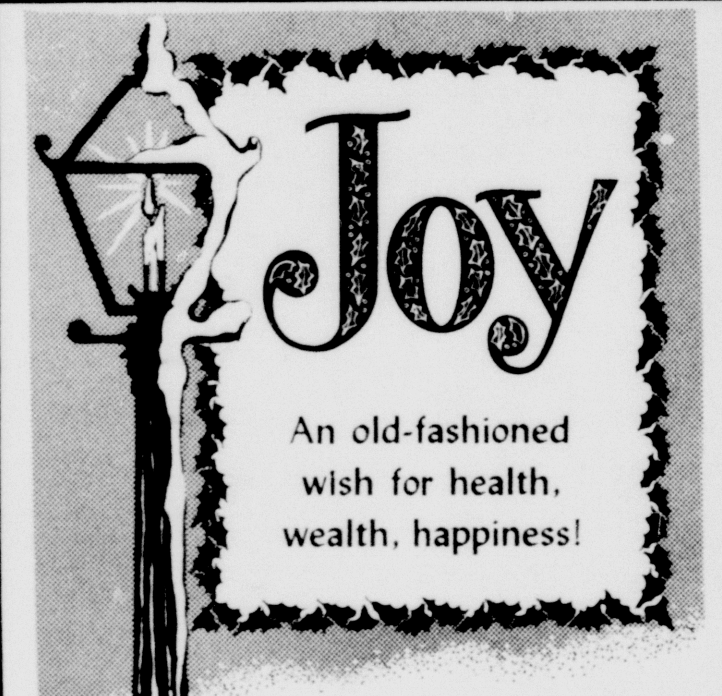
This Christmas, mend a quarrel... Seek out a forgotten friend... Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust... write a letter... Share some treasure... Give a soft answer... Encourage youth... Manifest your loyalty in word and deed... Keep a promise... Find the time... Forego a grudge... Forgive an enemy... Listen... Apologize if you were wrong... Try to understand... Reject envy as unworthy... Examine your demands on others... Think first of someone else... Appreciate others... Be kind; be gentle... Laugh a little... Laugh a little more... Deserve confidence... Take up arms against malice... Decry complacency... Express your gratitude... Go to church... Welcome a stranger... Gladden the heart of a child... Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth... Speak your love... Speak it again... Speak it still once again...!

Christmas is celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning... with the sudden stirring of the heart that has extended itself toward the core of life. Then, only then, is it possible to grasp the significance of that first Christmas... to savor in the inward ear the sweet music of the angel choir; to envision the star-struck sky, and glimpse, behind the eyelids, the ray of light that fell athwart a darkened path and changed the world.

... AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Kris Kringle is not a German term for Santa Claus. The name is a modification of "Kristkind," who according to German legend, is a white-robed angel - a messenger of the Infant Jesus, bringing gifts to children.

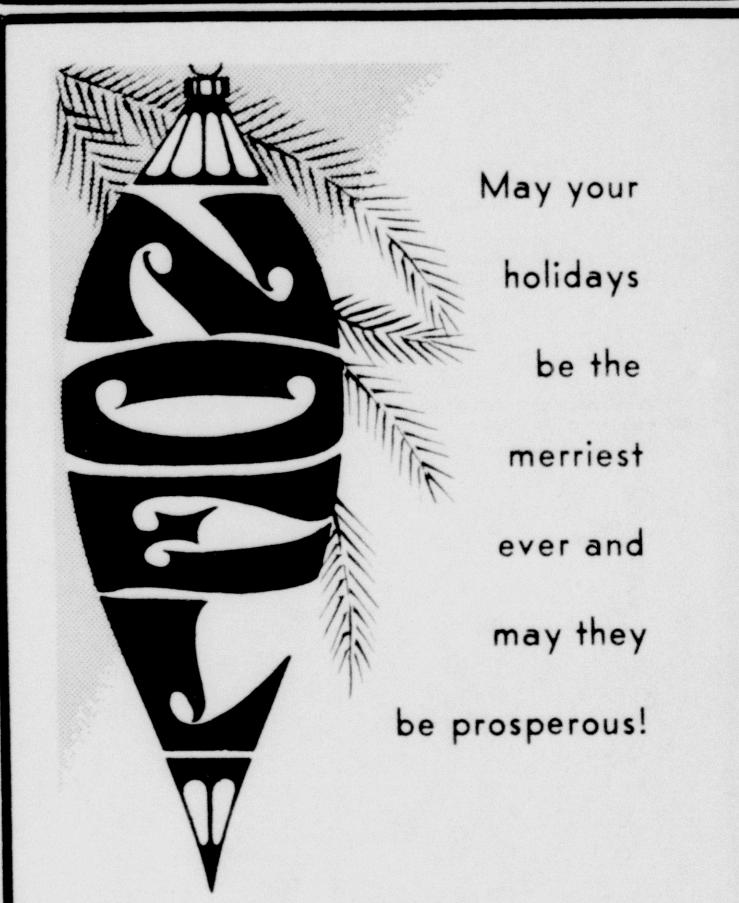
you are, Santa I did not get my letter in last year. I know that was hard on you not knowing just what I wanted for Christmas. I was thankful for what you brought me anyway. I am eight years old and in the third grade. I sure love school, and my Cub Scouts. I am very grateful to have wonderful teachers and leaders. Please remember our girls and boys where ever they may be. I would like to have a complete Johnny West set, a black dress suite, a rain coat and a gun.  
Love always,  
Guylan Roberts  
420 N. W. Ave. H  
Hamlin, Texas 79520



ROBERTSON STATION & GROCERY



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Merry Christmas

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DR. AND MRS. E. D. PERRIN  
Terese, Pat, Chris and Greg





## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A feast of good wishes to all our loyal patrons and their families.

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GRACIE MABERRY

WE WILL CLOSE MONDAY, DEC. 23 AT 2 P.M.  
AND WILL OPEN AT 10 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25



## JOYOUS HOLIDAY!

MAY IT BEGIN ON A MERRY NOTE FOR ALL!

**CARTER'S VARIETY STORE**



## LETTERS TO... SANTA

Dear Santa,  
I want a little car and a Johnny Eagle Gun and train set.  
44 N. W. Ave. C.  
Todd Reed

Dear Santa,  
I have been good at school. Will you come to see me? I want a Sewing Machine and a Sewing Basket. My brother wants a gun and a rifle. Cynthia wants a doll and dress.  
Laura, John, and Cynthia Carter

Dear Santa,  
I want a tractor and some horses.  
David Money

Dear Santa,  
I am in the first grade. I have tried to be a good girl. This year for Christmas I would like to have a Hands-Down game, an ESP game, a Peg-Play Desk, Tippy-Toes, a bicycle basket, and some dishes. Please bring my two sisters some toys. Bring my mother and daddy some things too. Don't forget the other boys and girls in the world.  
Love,  
Stephanie Haught

Santa Claus,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Suzy Home maker Set, some Barbie dolls and some Barbie clothes. I also want some Silly Sand and a pretty Baby Doll.  
I Love you,  
Diane Young

Dear Santa,  
I want an eating doll with a highchair or a walking doll that smiles and has skates. If you don't have any dolls left you can give me anything and I will be happy.  
Thank you,  
Jessica Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
Please may I have one gun. Your friend,  
Ubaldo Villarreal

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a bicycle.  
Wilson Gipson

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle and a doll for Christmas, please. Good-by.  
Yalondia Chase

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a gun holster set and some Silly Sand for Christmas.  
Charles Hazard

Dear Santa,  
I want an Easy Curl and Children's Bible and dishes.  
Love,  
Eileen Crenshaw

Dear Santa,  
I want a football suit with shoes, please.  
Good-by  
Albert Quintanilla

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a bike.  
Juanita Longoria

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a transistor radio, walkie-talkie, watch, talking GI Joe, Johnny Toymaker and a "Pull the Rug Out" Game.  
Thank you,  
Mark Caffey

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll, a purse, and some candy and fruit.  
I love you,  
Gracie Perez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some walkie-talkies, and a Johnny West, a hot wheel racing set, a watch, an electric train, and a stuffed Lassie.  
Love you,  
Russell Crowley

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a watch like Daddy's, a crazy cycle, a Record player with battery. Bring my little brother some thing too, and remember my Daddy.  
Your friend,  
Jim Austin

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a walkie-talkie, and two guns. I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
John Gardner

Santa Claus,  
I want some paper dolls. Please bring me some nuts and candy.  
Thank you,  
Veronica Covington

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, and a telephone for Christmas.  
I love you,  
Ana Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Hirsier bicycle with a banana seat. I have been a good girl.  
I love you,  
Gayla Bockman

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Tippy Toe doll and a knitting machine. Bring some more snow.  
Rockelle Corley

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a stove, a doll, and dishes.  
Love,  
Norma Ybarra

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a play gun, space men, a rocket, a rocket ship, and a set of walkie-talkies.  
Thank you,  
Scott Wilson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Suzy Homemaker stove, and a big doll house and a bendable Barbie, and case.  
Thank you very much.  
Love,  
Sandra Walden

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll, and a doll house.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Wanda Money

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll and a buggy. Remember mother and daddy.  
Thank you,  
Sharon Ulmer


Dear Santa,  
I would like a doll for Christmas. A talking Stacie, ironing board, dishes, go-go boots, and a book.  
Love,  
Karen LeCroy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want you to please bring me some toys for Christmas. And I want a paper doll.  
Thank you,  
Monica Covington

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a gun. Bring one for my two brothers. Give all the other children toys, and food to eat.  
Thank you,  
Hubert Seaton

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me — I live in Hamlin now. I lived in Lubbock last year. Bring me two pistol sets and a BB gun. I would like a creepy crawly set and a hot wheel set with tracks. I would like a little poodle.  
Thank you very much.  
Monte Ray Williams

## MERRY Christmas



We join St. Nick in wishing you and all your loved ones a truly joyous Yuletide.


**HAMLIN PAINT & BODY**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

...to the wonderful folks we've had the pleasure of serving this past year!

**ALBRITTON MOTOR CO.**  
BUICK — RAMBLER — GMC


# Greetings



To all our friends and their families. We want to wish you the merriest Christmas ever and bounty of holiday cheer.

**HOWARD DRUG CO.**

# Season's Greetings



Once again, it is that time of the year when family and friends exchange the good wishes that fill their hearts. As we join in the rejoicing of the season, may we extend our wish for a very Merry Christmas.

**DR. AND MRS. MARSHALL L. SMITH**  
Mark, Mike and Gary